

Phonics

Why are we talking about phonics?

- ▶ We start phase 1 of phonics as soon as your child starts (during their part time weeks).
- ▶ Phonics skills are essential for reading and writing.



Phases

- ▶ In Reception we teach phases 1 to 4.
- ▶ Phase 1: General sound discrimination through listening to sounds in the environment, instruments and rhyme.
- ▶ Phase 2:

Set 1: s, a, t, p

Set 2: i, n, m, d

Set 3: g, o, c, k

Set 4: ck, e, u, r

Set 5: h, b, f, ff, l, ll, ss

Tricky words: I, no, go, to, the, into

How do we teach phonics?

- ▶ Daily teaching of phonics using Jolly Phonics.
- ▶ Standard letter formation.
- ▶ For phases 2 and 3 the children will learn a new sounds each lesson.
- ▶ The sounds that we have learnt that week will be sent home on a Friday for you to practise at home.

Letter Formation Practice Sheet



What can you do at home?

Summer Holidays

- ▶ Listen to sounds around you as you are out and about. For example, at the beach you might hear the sea, birds, other people talking, a person ringing a bike bell.
- ▶ Choose 4 objects, e.g. crisps, keys. Ask your child to close their eyes and guess which one it was.
- ▶ Read and share stories with your child at bedtime.



What can you do at home?



- ▶ Practise the sounds that are sent home on a Friday.
- ▶ Listen to Jolly Phonics songs available on Youtube.
- ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Qpn2839Kro>
- ▶ Books will be sent home the first week that your child attends full time. You can:
 - ▶ Spot the sounds learnt so far when sharing the story.
 - ▶ Begin to sound out and blend simple words using the sounds learnt so far e.g. pat.
 - ▶ Discuss what is happening in the story from what you have read (listening to an adult read) and from using the pictures.
- ▶ **Our expectation is that you will read with your child five times a week.**